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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 10/721,260
Filing Date: November 26, 2003
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Group Art Unit: 1765
Examiner Name: Lan Vinh
Attorney Docket Number: TAI 145

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously Submitted
i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 4, 2006
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
i. ☒ Supplemental Response
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)
b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0002.
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. ☐ Other _____
b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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FEE ENCLOSED: \$
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fee to our Deposit Account
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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